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SUBJECT: DEFENCE SECRETARY AINSWORTH OUTLINES TOP
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Classified By: Ambassador Louis Susman for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C/NF). Summary. In a September 24 initial call by the Ambassador, Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth expressed his firm commitment to the
2. (C/NF) During his September 24 introductory meeting with Ambassador Susman, Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth agreed with the Ambassador abc
3. (C/NF) Ainsworth stressed the importance of showing the British people that international forces have made demonstrable progress in Afghar Strategic Defense Review -----
4. (C/NF) Ainsworth told the Ambassador that his top goal as Defence Secretary is "to get to as good a place as we can in Afghanistan." He c Missile Defense -----
5. (C/NF) Ainsworth expressed appreciation for Ambassador Susman's confirmation of President Obama's plans regarding missile defense. He obs Defense Trade Treaty -----
6. (C/NF) Ainsworth asked the Ambassador for an update on the status of U.S. ratification and implementation of the U.S.-UK Defense Trade Coc Biographical Note -----
7. (C/NF) During his meeting with the Ambassador, Ainsworth demonstrated why he has a reputation as a plain-spoken, sometimes blunt Labour Pe
8. (SBU/NF) Ainsworth was elected in 1992 as a Member of Parliament from Coventry, the industrial city where he got his start in politics as SUSMAN